

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 938

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A RESOLUTION to designate the week of May 13-21, 2006 as
"See America Week" in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, the travel and tourism industry in Tennessee and Sumner County is vital to our economic stability and growth, and it contributes substantially to Tennessee's and Sumner County's cultural and social well being; and

WHEREAS, travel is one of our most fundamental freedoms, and every citizen benefits from travel and tourism; and

WHEREAS, the travel and tourism industry substantially enhances our personal growth and education, while promoting intercultural understanding and appreciation of Tennessee's and Sumner County's history, geography, and culture; and

WHEREAS, travel and tourism is one of America's largest service exports, providing a trade surplus of \$4 billion last year. It is one of the nation's largest employers with a total of 7.3 million jobs, that is, one in every eight people; and

WHEREAS, including the \$93 billion spent in the U.S. by international visitors, tourism generated \$645 billion, providing \$100 billion in tax revenue to local, state, and federal governments last year. Without the tax revenue generated by tourism, each U.S. household would have paid \$923 more in taxes last year; and

WHEREAS, spending by resident and international travelers in the U.S. averages \$1.6 billion each day, \$68 million each hour, \$1.1 million each minute, and \$19,000 each second; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the unique significance of the travel and tourism industry in the lives of the citizens of Tennessee and Sumner County, a special observance is justly recommended; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby proclaim the week of May 13-21, 2006, as "See America Week" in Tennessee and call upon the good people of Sumner County and Tennessee to observe this week with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.